

# EXHIBIT 2

**In the Matter Of:**

*In Re - Pork Antitrust Litigation*

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*CHRIS BECKLER*

*June 07, 2022*

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Court File No. 0:18-cv-01776-JRT-HB

IN RE:

PORK ANTITRUST LITIGATION

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30(b)(6) DEPOSITION OF

CHRIS BECKLER

ON BEHALF OF EDLEY'S RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC

JUNE 7, 2022

ORAL VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF CHRIS BECKLER, via  
Zoom, produced as a witness at the instance of the  
Defendants Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc.  
and Tyson Fresh Meat, Inc., and duly sworn, was taken in  
the above-styled and numbered cause on the 7th day of  
June, 2022, from 9:02 a.m. to 12:46 p.m., before Melinda  
Barre, Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State  
of Texas, reported by computerized stenotype machine,  
all parties appearing remotely via web videoconference,  
pursuant to the rules of procedure and the provisions  
stated on the record or attached hereto.

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1 Q. And starting with your role as president, what  
2 are your general responsibilities?

3 A. I like to describe them as I'm accountable for  
4 everything that happens within the company. So all  
5 departments report to me: operations, training, finance,  
6 marketing. You know, those are the main departments.  
7 They all report in to me. So my duties are day-to-day  
8 running the business.

9 Q. And do you report to anyone?

10 A. Our founder and CEO, Will Newman.

11 Q. And has that remained the same since you  
12 started at Edley's?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And who are your primary direct reports?

15 A. I have five. One is a director of culinary.  
16 His name is Jacob Burke, B-u-r-k-e. We have a regional  
17 manager. His name is Bill Dubuc, D-u-b-u-c. We have a  
18 director of marketing. Her name is Chastity Fox. We  
19 have our chief of staff. Her name is Sarah Finnegan.  
20 We have our director of franchise. His name is Dick  
21 Sveum, S-v-e-u-m. And our director of training, Holly  
22 Peters.

23 Q. (By Mr. Holleran) Thank you. And do you have  
24 any responsibilities pertaining to pork specifically?

25 A. I have responsibilities for all financial

1 results and menu direction.

2 Q. Anything relating to pork procurement?

3 A. So we have a third party that works for us, a  
4 consultant that does purchasing. His name is Wayne  
5 O'Quinn. He doesn't directly report to me; but, you  
6 know, I'm the person that oversees his activities. And  
7 he is responsible for pork procurement for us.

8 Q. And Mr. O'Quinn, does he work for a specific  
9 company?

10 A. Yes. But I don't know the name of that  
11 company. I've worked with him on and off for 20 years,  
12 and I just always call it Wayne O'Quinn. He's a one-man  
13 purchasing show.

14 Q. And so do you directly oversee Mr. O'Quinn in  
15 his role as procuring pork for Edley's?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And do you recall when Mr. O'Quinn began his  
18 role for Edley's?

19 A. I don't know exactly. I know he was in place  
20 prior to me joining the organization.

21 Q. And does anyone else at Edley's have  
22 responsibilities relating to the procurement of pork?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And do you have any understanding of if any  
25 other individual or company had responsibilities

1 relating to the procurement of pork between 2009 and  
2 2018?

3 A. I don't know if it's direct; but Wayne works  
4 with, you know, our food purveyors. During the times of  
5 this allegation, it would be U.S. Foods and Reinhart.  
6 They have their own groups of people that do purchasing  
7 and procurement. So Wayne was our liaison, so to speak,  
8 for those groups.

9 Q. So does Wayne handle the selection of suppliers  
10 for Edley's pork products?

11 A. Wayne recommends. We decide on who we do that  
12 with.

13 Q. And does that ultimate decision-making  
14 authority rest with you?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And prior to your employment at Edley's, do you  
17 have any understanding of who had that final  
18 decision-making authority?

19 A. The gentleman that was in my role prior to me  
20 joining, his name is Henry Lariscey. I believe that's  
21 L-a-r-i-s-c-e-y.

22 Q. And do you know how long Mr. Lariscey was at  
23 Edley's?

24 A. I don't know exactly.

25 Q. Do you know if he started before 2009?

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1 A. I don't know the answer to that.

2 Q. And turning to your previous role as  
3 vice-president of operations, what were your general  
4 responsibilities in that role?

5 A. They were the same. The organizational chart  
6 didn't change. It was still the same reporting group.

7 You know, Will, our CEO and founder, likes  
8 to call me his No. 2. So that's kind of a title we use.  
9 But, you know, internally the function of the role  
10 didn't change at all. It was just a title change.

11 Q. Before joining Edley's where did you work?

12 A. Directly right before Edley's it was  
13 O'Charley's restaurant group in Nashville and prior to  
14 that Craftworks restaurant group.

15 Q. Starting with O'Charley's, how long did you  
16 work there?

17 A. O'Charley's, I was there for four years.

18 Q. And you said they're a restaurant in Nashville  
19 as well. Is that correct?

20 A. Correct, uh-huh.

21 Q. And what position did you have at O'Charley's?

22 A. Regional vice-president of operations. They're  
23 a much larger group with over 200 restaurants. So it  
24 was divided into divisions. So I had, you know, a  
25 division of 80 restaurants.